

Frankford Arsenal, Building 319
Southwest corner of Eakin Street and Treadwell Road
Philadelphia
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Location: Southwest corner of Eakin Street and Treadwell Road
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1945

Significance: Building 319 is associated with the continued growth of Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition, during the twentieth century.

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HISTORY

Built in 1945 as the Pitman-Dunn catapult tower, this structure was associated with the development and testing of propellant-actuated devices (PADs) conducted at the arsenal after World War II. Its most recent use was as an ordnance facility.

DESCRIPTION

Square, steel frame tower, 150 feet tall with five platforms and concrete foundation piers. A corrugated metal shed with a large door is located at the base of the tower.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

Report prepared for the Department of the Army, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers, Baltimore, Maryland. Copies on file at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Free Library of Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia Historical Commission.

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